

PROGRAM TITLE: COMPETITIVE TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

OBJECTIVE: Maintain current awareness of all developments in the tobacco, tobacco substitute fields through the literature, patents, and evaluation of available samples.

PROGRAM APPROACH AND TIMING:

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| A. Evaluate competitive materials/processes when available or supplied. | Continuing |
| B. Study and catalog all patents and other literature on those subjects. | Continuing |
| C. Develop and maintain an active program of filing for patents in these areas. | Continuing |

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